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## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### **250 JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS STUDENTS TO RECEIVE TRAINING TO BE FUTURE TEACHERS – TOM HORNE TO KICK OFF FIRST EVER CONFERENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ASPIRE TO ENTER INTO EDUCATION PROFESSION**

PHOENIX (Wednesday, October 11, 2006) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne will kick off the first ever annual conference on Thursday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m. for the Future Educator's of Arizona (FEA). Over 250 junior and senior high school students will participate in the fall leadership conference to receive training in leadership, communication and time management. The students will also compete in impromptu speaking, essay writing and other events. Students will receive awards, and the top three finalists will compete at the National FEA Conference in San Diego in February 2007.

"We need to do everything we can to recruit and retain the best teachers for our schools here in Arizona," Horne said. "The FEA program is a great program designed to equip and excite aspiring teachers to enter into the education profession and creates real work experiences for students in the program to experience what teaching is all about."

The Arizona Department of Education under Career and Technical Education has included Education Professions as an essential program offered to Arizona high school students.

**WHO: ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO KICK OFF FUTURE EDUCATORS CONFERENCE**

**WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2006**

**TIME: 9:00 A.M.**

**WHERE: BLACK CANYON CONFERENCE CENTER  
9440 NORTH 25<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85021**

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